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## DR. FINLEY SECOND MYERS LECTURER

**Head of State Department of Education Gives Interesting and Entertaining Talk in College Chapel.**

**''PALESTINE'' HIS TOPIC**

Dr. John Houston Finley, magazine editor, college president, and army officer, gave a pleasing and entertaining lecture on his war experiences in Palestine before an interested audience last Friday evening. His speech was enlivened throughout with personal anecdotes and little touches of humor. Word pictures were so vividly portrayed by the speaker that the audience received distinct and lasting impressions of the Holy Land.

**Relates Interesting Stories**

England's unusual nonchalance during the desperate fighting of the Second Marne was praised by Dr. Finley. The pleasant story illustrating a bit of typical Italian courtesy and the description of the journey to Palestine never once failed to keep the audienc interested.

The speaker humorously contrasted the two hours and forty-five minutes it took him to ride from Egypt into the heart of Palestine to the forty years of the Israelites. He expressed his deep disappointment at finding the Holy Land, which he had often pictured in his imagination, a dry and dusty country, and in places a desolate waste, even without trees.

**Describes Work of British**

Perhaps the most striking picture drawn by Dr. Finley was that of the Scotch chapel service held on August 4, 1918, the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the war. His descriptions of the great guns outside, and later of his walk from Bethany to Jericho showed his powers of delineation at their best. He emphasized particularly the suffocating sultriness of the country and praised the British soldiers for their work under such conditions.

The hope was earnestly expressed by the speaker that the Holy Land might in the near future be set aside as an international reservation for all nations. He stated that he wished to see the day when Palestine would be a spiritual home not only for the Jews but for the Christians.

**Praises General Allenby**

Dr. Finley paid high tribute to the English commander, General Allenby, with whom he held several interesting conversations, and whom he considers one of the greatest soldier-statesmen the world has ever seen. It was General Allenby who by strategy surrounded the three Turkish armies and, one by one, made them surrender. The British took over a hundred thousand prisoners.

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—Clayton B. Weed, '17, is now advertising manager of Fitchley & Company of New York.

## HOCKEY TEAM ELECTS CAPTAIN FOR 1921

**Albert L. Kaiser of New Rochelle, N. Y., Chosen as Leader of the Team for Next Season.**

**HAS PROVEN STRONG PLAYER**

At a meeting of the members of the hockey team after chapel Friday morning, Albert L. Kaiser, '21, of New Rochelle, N. Y., was elected captain for the season of 1920-1921 to succeed his brother, ''Dick'' Kaiser, '20, who captained the team this season, and served as acting captain during the season of 1919.

**''Dick'' Kaiser an Ideal Leader**

The success of hockey as an intercollegiate sport is due in a large measure to ''Dick'' Kaiser's untiring efforts. When he became acting captain on his return to college last winter, hockey was not taken very seriously by the students. It was a new and untried sport, but by the end of the season—even though it was cut up and shortened by thaws—everyone was willing to admit that hockey had made a strong bid for permanence. The performance of this year's seven fully justified the faith of the college. A great deal of this success is owing to ''Dick'' Kaiser's level-headed leadership.

**Bright Prospects for Next Yea**

Neither of the Kaiser brothers had played on any organized team before coming to Hamilton. Both, however, took up the sport during their freshman years. Captain-elect ''Al'' was a member of the first team during his freshman year, but was prevented from playing in either of the two games of the season by sickness. He was also captain of his freshman seven, which became champion of the college by defeating the Senior and Junior teams. For the last two years he has efficiently held down the center position on the Varsity. His playing is conspicuous for its speed, cleverness, and consistency, in a game in which every man must possess these qualities in order to succeed. While he is a speedier and more spectacular player than his brother, he still has the level-headedness and qualities of leadership which made ''Dick'' so successful.

''Al'' Kaiser will captain a veteran team next year, for the only man who will be lost is his brother. With the sport well established, the new captain can devote his entire time to turning out a better team than before.

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—Rev. Charles T. Roosa, '96, who was for some time in Y. M. C. A. work, entered the University of Buffalo at the beginning of this academic year as a student of medicine.

—The Rev. Nicholas S. Becker, '94, for five years pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Milford, N. Y., has resigned in order to engage in interchurch work in the vicinity of New York City.

## HAMILTON GIVES UNION SCARE IN CLOSING GAME OF SEASON

**Buff and Blue Outscores the Garnet on Field Baskets, but Inability to Shoot Fouls Accounts for 20-19 Defeat—Team Outplays Union in Second Half—Capt. Baumler Injures Hand and Unable to Finish Game.**

Saturday night Hamilton lost the last game of the season to Union on the Garnet's court. The final score stood 20-19 in favor of the home team, and the result shows very well the closeness of the contest. The Buff and Blue five put up the fastest, hardest brand of basketball that they have shown this year. The team started the game full of fight and did not slow up until the final whistle put an end to the game.

**Lawler Unable to Play**

Lawler was unable to hold down the pivot position due to sickness. But Keehn, who took his place, played as well as could be asked and Jones, the Union center, was only able to cage the ball twice. Brucker, the other Union star, was forced to be content with one field basket due to the excellent guarding of Baumler, Johnson and Parmelee.

The Buff and Blue secured more field baskets than did their opponents, but were unable to make good on shots from the foul line. Lawler had been an almost sure shot in this respect throughout the whole season, and his absence was a serious handicap.

The game was marked by hard, fast playing by both teams and by considerable roughness as is shown by the 19 personal fouls that were called on the two teams.

**Union Leads in First Half**

Union dropped in the first field basket shortly after the game began and managed to increase their lead to five points by the end of the half. Wilber was substituted for Lefkowitz at left forward and was responsible for four of Union's tallies. Morrow and Keehn each contributed two field baskets and Cowan added two more, bringing up Hamilton's total for the first period to eight points. Baumler fractured his hand toward the middle of this period, but played the half out without letting Brucker score but once.

The second period began with Union in the lead 13 to 8. The Hamilton five started off full of fight, but Union increased their lead to eight points, while the Buff and Blue only chalked up three tallies.

**Hamilton Makes Rally**

The score stood Union 19, Hamilton 11, and the last period was about half over. Johnson, who had been substituted for Baumler began Hamilton's rally with a neat field basket. Cowan added three more points and Morrow dropped in two shots from the foul line. Just as the final whistle blew Parmelee made a long shot from almost the middle of the floor. But the Buff and Blue had been unable to overcome Union's lead, and the Garnet won by one point.

The line-up and summary:

| UNION, 20. | F.B. | F.P. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brucker, Capt., r.f., | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| Lefkowitz, l.f., | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jones, c., | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Renaldi, r.g., | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wittner, l.g., | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilber, l.f., | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Getman, l.f., | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weinholdt, l.g., | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 6 | 8 | 20 |

| HAMILTON, 19. | F.B. | F.P. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Morrow, r.f., | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Welsh, l.f., | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Keehn, c., | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Cowan, r.g., | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Baumler, Capt., l.g., | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, l.g., | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Parmelee, l.g., | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Campbell, r.g., | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 8 | 3 | 19 |

Referee: Tilden of Schenectady; time of periods: 20 minutes; score at half-time: Union 13, Hamilton 8; fouls called: On Hamilton 14, on Union 12.

## MAGAZINE SKETCHES CAREER OF ALUMNUS

**E. R. Whitney, '89, Referred to as One of the Most Successful Educators in the State.**

In a recent edition of American Education appears an article on E. R. Whitney, '89, superintendent of the Schenectady Schools, who was formerly principal of the high school in that city.

The article is called ''Successful Educators'' and sketches the educational career of Mr. Whitney from the time of his college days at Hamilton to the present.

He is referred to as one of the best known and most successful educators in the State and an authority on scientific subjects. He has been a frequent contributor to several national scientific magazines, and is the author of the book, ''Laboratory Physics,'' used extensively in the physics laboratories in many schools.

From the position, first as vice-principal, and later as principal of the Binghamton High School, Mr. Whitney went to Schenectady to accept the office of principal of the high school in that city. While under Mr. Whitney's direction, it is said, the school outgrew itself twice. He later became superintendent of schools, the position he now occupies.

# NOVEL REVIEW OF DEC. "LIT."

**"Pertinax" Asks for More Undergraduate Poetry—Objects to "Thrilling" Stories."**

## LIT. SHOULD REVIEW LIFE

This week's News Editor of **Life**, perhaps from despair of ever seeing the February issue of Lit appear, has commissioned us to disinter the decently buried corpse of last December's issue and "review" it. Would there not, for a change, be more interest—and this suggestion we throw out to Lit—in a heart-searching criticism of **Life** by Lit, a sort of turning of the worm, as it were? However, since Lit would doubtless consider it "infra dig", as Dr. Stryker used to say, to notice us, we must even do our best.

This Lit is not a very poor poor one—we have in fact doubts whether we ourselves, were we suddenly put in editorial charge, could do as well, under the circumstances—but we have seen better ones. To speak of the verse first, where are the others? Are the freshman Loomis and the faithful Salbitano to become our only standbys? Are we so busied with effecting the reconciliation between faculty and students that Reid's editorial yearns for, or with perfecting schemes of student government, that our class presidents, and Pentagon, and the other Phi Beta Kappa men who might write verse if they tried, have no leisure for the effort? We are afraid Loomis's barrel will some day run dry; already there are slight signs of deterioration, although "On Childhood" has its points, in spots.

The search among our local short-story writers is obviously for thrills, unless one can get on the track of a taking bit of tragedy. We fear to commit ourselves upon the success of Mathewson's professional tragedy, entitled "The Lonely Trail." Read it, gentle reader, and you will agree with us that Mathewson has often written better.

### Too Many Thrills

When it comes to thrills, we are on surer ground, for we have discovered a principle. In proportion to the acuteness of the thrill, the necessity for careful writing disappears, as witness Winfield Smith's "Terror of the Unknown." Even Riggs, '23, cares little for technical consistency so long as he has plenty of thrill, with asterisks for punctuation. We miss our guess, if he ever sat in at any such seance, and we are still wondering why his "Spirits" need to open the door in order to get in. Yet think of the fog that came in thereby—what atmosphere!

Yet our principle is best illustrated in "The Terror of the Unknown." For fear our animadversion should be disbelieved, we prefer to quote. And we quote literally, with many apologies for the necessary omissions. The parentheses are ours.

He "looked into a great garden full of riotous colors." There was "a glare of summer light so piercing that it seemed as if the panes must crack under its incisive thrust. It was so silent that the noise of a breath smote like the blow of a sledge. * * All the afternoon the crashing stillness reigned in that room" but "hours of silence alone was nothing new for him, but this was an impressed silence which menaced. * * The result was a start which had a cause far from defensive motives. * The other two of the men laughed, and the Transgressor felt the warm breath of an unspoken sneer" (what a breath!). The Leader "smiled—a smile that glittered like the burnished points of steel weapons in the candle light." "A chilled sweat suddenly covered his (the Transgressor's) body. * * Like a breath from another world, something brushed against his leg. In that place (his leg?) it almost unnerved him. * * Two balls of fire stared at him from the darkness * * he heard a low purr (we knew from the first that it was only a cat), such a purr as a beast of prey might voice. * * Then a reaction overcame him. * * Making a menace of every murmur of the rising night wind. * * He flung the thing from him. He shuddered. * * His hair rose nearly upright at a dim shape he saw" and (his hair) "lightly passed the open jaws of the snake as he fell."

While we admit that we have distorted the author's perspective sadly in the above quotations, here is apparently thrill gone wild.

Hyde, '21, on the other hand, has done a bit of conscientious, if not entirely inspired, writing in "Sea Duty." His story is perhaps a little too long drawn out—it takes a Masefield to keep one's interest in Dauber at white heat for a score of pages—and we could stick a pin in here and there; but we have done enough of this already, and we fear that our anonymity alone will save us from the criticisms we so fully deserve.

For the rest of the magazine, there are editorials, College and Alumni Notes, Necrology items, advertisements, and an interesting account of an interesting day, Armistice Day, by Rodgers, '21. We think we should agree with the editorials if we were sure we knew just what they meant. Reid, '21, is one of our best, as well as the most prolific, editorial writers, but we fancy the slightly hectic tone of his leader is more appropriate for last December than for this later date. There is a growing feeling on the Hill that even the faculty do not wish the College to slump. In his stand on this question Reid will find us all on his side.

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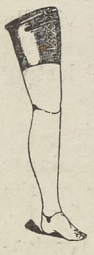
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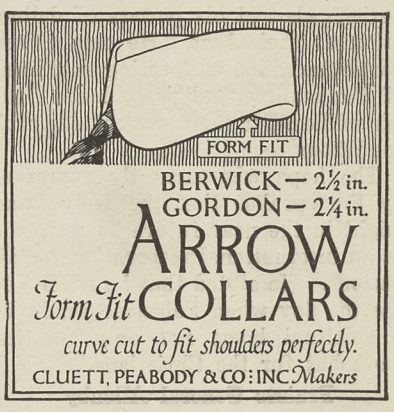


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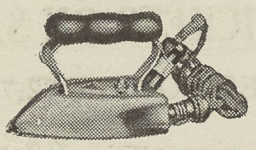

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### A Larger Basketball Schedule

By a ruling of the faculty two years ago, Intercollegiate Basketball was placed on the list of sports at Hamilton and a schedule of six games permitted. For the past two seasons the college has been represented by a basketball team, and although both seasons have not been successful in games won, nevertheless, the team has made a showing that certainly warrants a continuance of basketball as an intercollegiate sport. There has been close competition for places on the team, and by the number of candidates that come out and by the interest shown at home games, it can be judged that this activity enjoys the support of all.

But, if basketball is to become permanent on the Hill, we must try to remedy the defect which has played a great part in our inability to win the majority of our games. The handicap which prevents this is our small six-game schedule. When we compare our schedules with those of the colleges we meet, we find that they play anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five games. An example of the disadvantage of our small schedule was clearly brought out this year. In the first game of the season, Hamilton defeated Rochester on her own court. In a return game a month later, Rochester defeated the Buff and Blue. Rochester was fifty per cent better the second game, while Hamilton had not improved any. The cause was that since the first contest the U. of R. had played eight games and Hamilton but one.

A basketball team can be brought to top form only by playing games, and our six games scattered throughout a long season does not permit this. Hamilton could not expect to undertake twenty or more games, as most of the colleges we play do, but an increase to a schedule of ten or twelve games would greatly remedy and do a lot to make our team successful.

R. C.

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### A Plea to the Alumni

An examination of the treasurer's report of the General Associatioon of the College shows that every activity has a greater expense than it has income. Especially in our sports this cannot be helped. The natural disadvantages of our position make it impossible for our games to be financial successes. Thus Hamilton, not unlike many other colleges, is compelled to rely on a student tax and alumni subscriptions for the money needed to carry on the various activities.

With the growth of the College, our activities have been enlarged. Basketball, hockey, and tennis have been added to the list of intercollegiate sports, and our schedules have been increased. Through the efforts of Mr. Prettyman, Hamilton is meeting stronger teams each year, and all branches of our athletics are reaching a higher standard. More men than over before are competing for the different teams, and the spirit shown is bound to place our activities on a higher plane.

But, in meeting these stronger colleges it is necessary to give larger guarantees. Supplies and uniforms for all the departments have gone up in price, and the increased rates on the railroads have to be met. Thus, if we are to carry on this more ambitious program it is necessary to have a greater income. The estimates for 1920 show the necessity of this increase. It is with this end in view that a strong plea is being made for more alumni subscribers and larger subscriptions to the General Association.

Within a short time the annual report of the organization is to be sent out. It contains an especial appeal to our alumni by Dr. Wood. The imperative need for larger revenue is pointed out, if we are to continue in our forward steps. The undergraduate tax is not enough to cover all expenses, and the plea is made to the alumni for all possible help they can give us.

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To cut it short is wrong,
And our just wrath provokes.
Just take a look around,
And see what you can see;
There's much snow on the ground,
And that's the reason we
Can't travel quite so smart
As when there is no snow.
Please, ringer, have a heart—
Don't make us hurry so.

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**Shimmie Sam sez**—You'd be surprised how swell-headed mumps can make a man feel.

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Bill Squires: "Now, Kneeland, I'll accommodate you by asking you a question outside of the text book."

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Recently Rocks gave a class lecfound thousands-hic of-hic-feet below found thousands-hic of hic feet below hic-the sur-hic-face."
Some petroleum!

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Barry: "I've got a terrible cold in my head."
Moore: Don't grumble. Even if it's only a cold, it's something."

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Keehn: "I have a desk that turns into abed."
Al. Kaiser: "That's nothing; my Ford turned into a telegraph pole."

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Caruso is a good singer, but we like Peters better still.

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"Zip" Griffith (seeing a picture taken): "Don't laugh now—look at me."

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Fancher (singing along with the Clubs): "Lawds of the waves we awe, we awe, awe."

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Holler (entering late): "Are you asleep, Moore?"
Moore (drowsily): "Yes, shut up."

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1921: "What's a syllogism?"
1922: "I don't know. I haven't studied my Geology lately."

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**Things We Would Like to See**

1. The green grass.
2. A shaved Stink.
3. A speechless Prex.
4. A good old beer.
5. Ditto a Bronx.
6. Ditto a Martini.
7. Ditto a couple or eight other varieties.
8. Steak in Commons.
9. A chapel-less Sunday.
10. A brown derby on Bill Squires.
11. A few dollars for Hamilton in China.

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Supe: "The word lunatic is derived from the old belief that the moon shining on people made them insane."
"Doc" Morrow: "Yes, some people still go crazy over moonshine."

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—Richard H. Burkhart, ex-'16, is practicing dentistry at 33 Blvd. Malesherbes, Paris.

## AN INTERCLASS CARNIVAL

Coach Ziehl and Manager Wyncoop are laying plans for an interclass Wrestling and Fencing Carnival to be held in the Gym some time in the next two weeks. The exact date has not been set but will probably be during the week of March 22.

The wrestlers are to be divided into two groups, heavyweights and lightweights. One lightweight and one heavyweight is to be picked from each of the four classes. In the preliminary round the Junior representatives will be pitted against the Seniors and the Freshmen against the Sophomores. The final matches will be between the winners of these bouts. Only those in the regular wrestling class will be allowed to compete. However, some good matches are expected, for keen rivalry has already sprung up in the preliminary training.

The fencing is to be carried on in the form of a "Round Robin." Four men, the best from each class, are to be selected by the coach to compete. Each man will fence with every other man, and the one taking the most matches will be declared winner.


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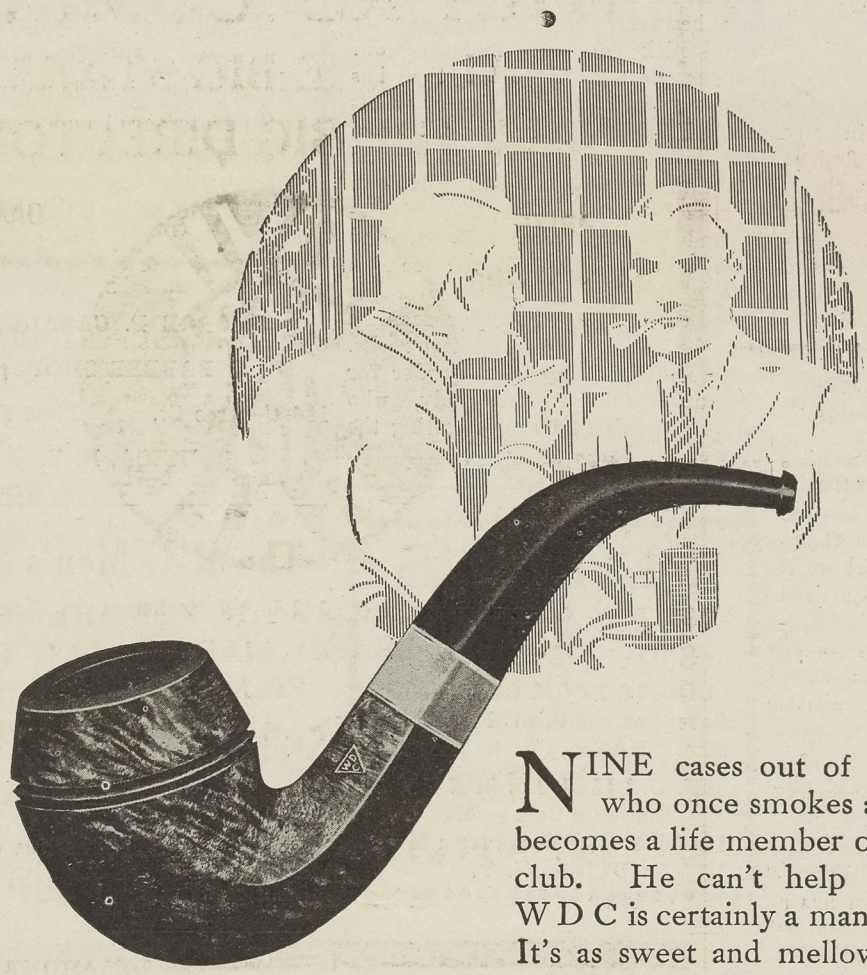

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# Carpe Diem

### The Infirmary

At last the Infirmary is a realty. **Life's** long campaign has been successful. The persistence of our persevering editor has been rewarded. It was entirely through the efforts of the editor and his fratres, culminating in an extraordinary case of sacrifice, that the unhoped-for was accomplished. By a carefully devised scheme Shimmy Sam was chosen for the sacrifice, and was delegated to contract the mumps. It didn't work. The infirmary was still a dream to the bursar, and he didn't care to spoil his dreams by effecting a reality. Then a mysterious woman enters into our story. Shimmy's sister came to nurse him. Straightway the editor fell (ill). Some sacrifice. And then, with the editor ill, the matter was brought to the attention of those higher up, and the sick ones were moved into the "infirmary", which consists of a rug, two beds, some chairs, and a table. After a day of it the editor went almost wild, and gave up the ruse. He is now wandering at large again, somewhat foiled, but with the bitter satisfaction that he has spent a night in an infirmary, such as it is, on College Hill.

### Merz's Cafeteria

Frank Merz is doing a profitable business these days. Drop in any night about six and you will find at least fifteen waiters on duty there. Yet you can't get served inside of an hour. Mr. Merz is making every effort to increase his waiting staff, and will receive applications up to 11 p. m. All candidates will receive a thorough course of instruction in how to take orders (from him). The requisite quality for applicants is patience.

Dr. Murphey's class in economics was treated to a new little skit Saturday morning. " 'Is Lordship, Gordon James Bawnett" and his man Coonradt, "just back from a night of it in the city, old top," attended attired in dinner coats et al. When his Lordship doffed his topcoat he was forced to suffer great chagrin when some "bally blighter" remarked airily, "Check, please."

### Society Notes

Among the many new dances uncovered at the late Prom was a specialty by Professor James Brown, late of Jacobus's, entitled "The Execution Jazz." Truly, Mr. Brown has a very graceful method of execution, as those of the fortunate young ladies who managed to survive will testify.

### Sporting Notes

With the advent of a day or two of spring weather, Messrs. Pritchard and Moffat lay off computing batting averages—their occupation during the winter months—and got out the old pill to knock around a bit. Pritchard and Moffat will shortly join their ball club at Clinton, N. Y., for preliminary training. Both are in splendid shape and expect to hit well up around .700 this season, having had continued workouts during the winter months.

Mr. Grant Jewett, the greatest living exponent of form in tennis, is also getting into shape. At present he has only one side of his room to play on, as the plaster has all been knocked from the other wall, but aside from this handicap, Mr. Jewett's workouts are going well.

### Carpe's Timely Topics

Among the SUPER-men we know we rank Couper, Lopardo, Weller, and Salbitano among the first. Of course there are other supers, but these are the most harmful of the species.

### Highbrow Thoughts

Barnett cannot see why "The Hall of Commons." He asks, why not "The House of Lords?" It raises the tone so.

### For 1920

A Nunc Pro Tunc will be formed. Phi Beta Kappa men are particularly invited. Past record won't be held against you.

### Sky

Sky has an elemental mind—one that grasps. He is destined to become a polymath, a master mind—a-a-words fail!

N. B.—He has proved in sociology that all the Jews of New York City are rich.

### "Matrimonial News"

With the approach of June, the month of brides, and with the oncoming of spring, when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, it is only natural that we should expect to see some of Dan Cupid's work here on the Hill. Little would we suspect, however, that this dart shooter would pick from the midst of our Seniors one who up to this time has made no mention of matrimony whatever. Perhaps Wyman doesn't know that he's engaged just because he wears a sorority pin, but the girl does. It must be a case of leap-year strategy and Wy has taken the leap and doesn't know it. When you see him with a strange pin clasped over his heart, congratulate him, for soon he is to be cast upon the nuptial rocks. Letters of sympathy are in order for the unfortunate young lady, who seems to think that she is getting the best of the bargain.


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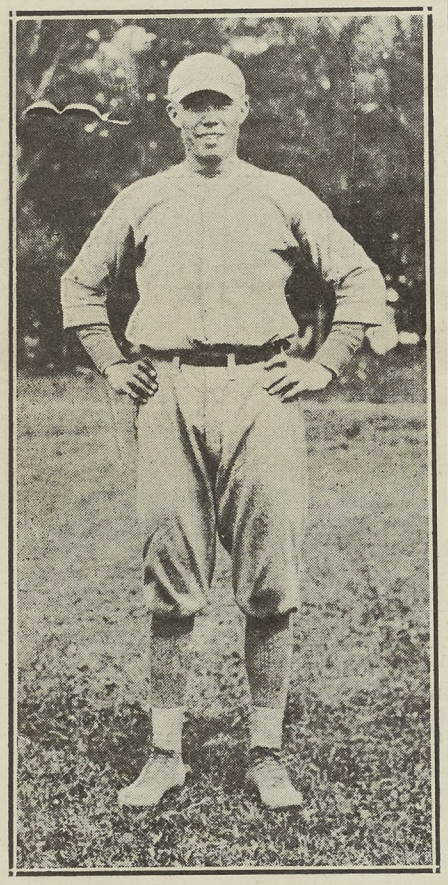
### THIRTY MEN REPORT

Baseball practice began yesterday. Coach Ziehl has a squad of over thirty men from which to pick the Varsity. Last year's team is intact with the exception of Captain Fursman, who graduated. Pritchard, King, Clark, and Barry form a nucleus of outfielders. Captain Johnson, Moffat, and Campbell will again play in the infield. Baumler will receive support on the mound by the addition of Schwartz to the pitching staff. Gorman and Davis will again take care of the catcher's position. Indoor practice will continue in the cage until the diamond is in shape to play on. The candidates will be drilled in the fine points of the game so that they will be in shape as soon as the weather permits outdoor work.



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**All Men in Some Activity**

In accordance with the physical training plan every man in college is taking part in some form of athletics. Men have been given the opportunity to elect the activity in which they choose to participate. Candidates for places on the baseball and track squad at present consist of fifty-four men with the possibility of ten more from the hockey and basketball squads. The baseball squad consists of twenty-seven men. A chance was given to the men to acquire some knowledge as fencers and wrestlers with a result that forty-three have elected fencing and thirty-five wrestling, which will terminate in an interclass tournament towards the end of March.

# CHARLATAN PERFORMANCES ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED

**"The Witching Hour" Pleases Audiences in Oneonta and Binghamton—Work of Thorp Especially Praiseworthy—Whole Cast Deserving of Commendation—Storm Causes Slight Delays During Trip.**

The Charlatans, despite the exceedingly inclement weather of the past week-end, gave both the Binghamton and the Oneonta performances as scheduled. The Oneonta presentation was well attended, many alumni being present, although the streets were filled with slush and snow. The advertising campaign had been especially good, and many people expressed delight with the performance.

The Binghamton performance was poorly attended, and this was due to the fact that the play was inadequately advertised. Of the large number of Hamilton alumni who live in Binghamton and vicinity, only two were present at the performance. These two had only learned of it by chance.

**Storm Causes Delay**

On the trolley trip from Mohawk to Oneonta, the storm arrived and the trolley wires were broken down. After considerable delay and much anxiety on the part of the cast, the trolley proceeded, and the men arrived in Oneonta, where they were hospitably received. They were entertained at the homes of various citizens.

The play was given in the large auditorium of Oneonta's fine new high school. Despite the fact that a hoodoo is said to hang over all second performances of plays, the second presentation of "The Witching Hour" was given with finesse and force. After the performance a delightful dance was given in the gymnasium of the high school.

**Have Special Car for Scenery**

During the night the storm continued and in the morning the cast made its way through great snow drifts to the station to catch an early train. This train left on time, but because of the chronic inefficiency of the baggage force at the station, probably brought on by the methods of governmental control, The Charlatans were unable to take their scenery with them. The manager and some members of the cast stayed behind to see that the scenery came later. We say later advisedly, because the 1:35 train, on which the baggage was scheduled to leave, never left at all. By the use of persuasion and the influence of several good friends, the Division Agent of the D. & H. made up a special train and carried the scenery and the lagging members of the cast to Binghamton in time for the evening performance, which began at the scheduled time.

**Third Performance Best So Far**

The Binghamton performance of "The Witching Hour" was the best which The Charlatans have so far given. All the members of the cast seemed to realize the full possibilities of their separate parts. Special mention should be made of the work of Thorp as Helen Whipple, of John Van Norden as Jack Brookfield, and of Russell Miller as Justice Prentice.

A Hamilton alumnus who resides in Binghamton and who saw John Mason's original company in "The Witching Hour", said that he considered Thorp's presentation of Helen superior to that given by the creator of the part in the premiere.

It is sufficient to say that Thorp created enough of an illusion to make the audience forget that his part was being played by a man.

**Van Norden Proves Star**

John Van Norden is excellently cast in the part of Jack Brookfield. He not only looked but acted the part, and he did what the majority of amateur actors are unable to accomplish, which is to make his character grow from act to act. Jack Brookfield in Van Norden's hands is not the same man in the last act as he was in the first.

The part of Justice Prentice is really the leading part of the play. In Miller's hands full advantage was taken of this fact, Miller's voice with its wide range and deeply resonant tones is admirably fitted for this part, man of dignity, broad sympathy, and and he succeeded in portraying an old psychic and hypnotic ability.

**Burns Delights Audience**

Pope and Burns gave adequate performances of their parts as women. They were good to look upon. Burns in particular pleased the audience with his arch manner of portraying Mrs. Campbell. All audiences seem to be delighted with the manner in which he handles a chiffon scarf. MacLachlan, in the part of Lew Ellinger played with a great deal of dash. The play sparkled when he was on the stage. Griffith has a small part as Tom Denning, but it would be difficult to imagine how anyone could play it better. He showed remarkable cleverness in portraying an inebriate without suggesting in any way the unpleasant elements possible in such a character.

**Whole Cast Deserve Praise**

Riggs is growing naturally and finely into the part of Clay Whipple. He succeeded in giving a real thrill to the audience in his presentation of insane horror. He also plays adequately the part of a young lover. Clement Martin gave a very satisfying performance in his part of Justice Henderson. He was very clever in bringing out the mellowed maturity of old age. It is seldom that any amateur cast can boast of finer voices than those of Martin and Miller. Spice, as a newspaper reporter, breezed on the stage in fine fashion; he has a small part, but he does it well. Ballot, Morris, and Morehouse played the parts of servants capably. Ballot and Morris seemed to make an especial appeal in their parts as colored servants.

Dean Fuller had charge of the make-up and it was the unanimous opinion that his work was a marked success.

# BETTER SUPPORT ASKED BY Y. M. C. A.

**Request Made That Undergraduate Pledges to Hamilton-inChina Fund be Paid as Soon as Possible.**

### HAMLIN IN NEED OF MONEY

That some students of Hamilton are not seriously concerned with paying their pledged obligations is evidenced by the following report of the Hamilton-in-China Committee. This is not true, however, for the entire student body. Many have paid up their entire amounts for the current year. On the other hand, this only emphasizes the failure of nearly a majority to live up to their word. It is this failure, coupled with the very unfavorable silver exchange rate, that is causing Hamilton's representative in the great work of educating the East to feel that his position is a most precarious one.

**Pledges for Last Year**

In May, 1919, after carefully discussing the question, pledge cards were distributed, and the college gave its pledged word to contribute as follows: Class of 1919, $52.50 immediately and $17.70 for the ensuing year; from the Class of 1920, $71.00 before the end of the term and $173.00 for the following year; Class of 1921, $84.00 immediately and $239.25 during the ensuing year; from the Class of 1922, $89.50 before June 1st, and $277.00 during this present year.

**Freshmen Subscribe Large Amount**

Last fall the present Freshman Class, when the work was outlined to it, pledged $119.20 immediately and $275.90 during the present year. The faculty members interested in the plan subscribed $53.50 in cash and pledged themselves to supply $151.50 during this present year. In addition to the amounts above, the College Church made a cash subscription of $65.00; alumni advanced $39.00 in cash; a friend subscribed $5.00, and the recent show conducted for the benefit of the fund secured approximately $90.00. Thus there is a total of $1798.30. Of this amount Hamlin found it necessary to spend the entire sum advanced to him ($614.25) upon travelling expenses and necessary equipment.

**Large Sum Still Unpaid**

As the year is half completed it is seen that with the cash subscriptions and other funds, the amount collected should be $1130.00. Instead of this amount, however, the collectors have been able to secure but $979.45. Included in this amount is $80.00 advanced by Dr. Ferry and Dr. Wood and complete payment of nearly thirty per cent of the pledges. Thus it is seen that $151.55 still remains due plus the amount contributed in advance of the date when it comes due. If it were possible to collect this sum, or a good fraction of it, our representative would be relieved from some part of his uneasiness.

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—The Rev. Major William A. Aiken, '95, chaplain, U. S. Army, formerly at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, is now stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.